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TAGS: MOPS, EG, IS

SUBJECT: ARAB/ISRAELI HOSTILITIES: WHO STARTED IT

USINTOFF ASKED DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NORTH  
AMERICAN DESK SAAD KHALIL WHAT HAD CAUSED ERUPTION OF  
HOSTILITIES IN ME. KHALIL SAID, "WE GOT FED UP." HE  
LATER AMENDED THIS TO "WE DETERRED THE AGGRESSION THE  
ISRAELIS WERE PREPARING." HE LINKED PRESENT FIGHTING  
TO 1948 WAR AND SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS OF EGYPTIAN  
HISTORY, BUT THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION IN HIS MIND AS  
TO WHO STARTED WHAT THIS TIME.  
SMITH

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